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SUBJ: WEG MEETING JULY 31, 1975 - AGENDA ITEM III - STUDY ON
RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION

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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN SHAPING THE NATO RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALI-
ZATION (R/S) EFFORT FOR THE NEXT HALF YEAR, EWG AGREED TO CALL
FOR ORAL REPORTS IN SEPTEMBER COVERING THE FOUR PROGRAMS NOW
UNDER WAY (CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING, CONSOLIDATION OF COM-
MUNICATIONS, WARTIME LOC, LOGISTICS) TO BE FOLLOWED BY WRITTEN
REPORTS IN DEVELOPING THE FALL MINISTERIAL R/S REPORT. WEG
ASKED THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS
FOR NEW R/S AREAS. END SUMMARY.

1. EWG CHAIRMAN PANSA OPENED AGENDA ITEM BY NOTING THAT HE
HAD PLACED R/S ON THE EWG AGENDA TO PLAN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF MINISTERIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DPC TO EMPHASIZE PROGRESS
IN THE R/S FIELD; AND TO DEVELOP STEPS FOR REPORTING ON R/S
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IN DECEMBER TO MINISTERS. TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF THE ONGOING
EFFORTS PANSA SUGGESTED A TWO STAGE APPROACH OF: 1) REQUESTING
THE CHAIRMEN OF THE FOUR EWG-INITIATED R/S PROJECTS (WARTIME
LOC, CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS, LOGISTICS)

TO MAKE ORAL REPORTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER ON PROGRESS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS; FOLLOWED BY 2) WRITTEN PROGRESS REPORTS TO REACH THE EWG BY THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER SO THAT THE REPORT FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIALS CAN BE PREPARED. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED BY ASKING IF ANYONE HAD ADDITIONAL R/S PROJECTS FOR EWG CONSIDERATION.

2. WHILE NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) HAD NO NEW PROJECTS TO OFFER, HE DID SUGGEST THAT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHICH AREAS SHOULD BE TACKLED NEXT. SHAPE REP (GEN SCHWEITZER) AGREED WITH SUGGESTION RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PROFESSIONAL ANALYSIS IN RECOMMENDING NEW R/S PROJECTS. US REP (LEGERE) AGREED WITH REMARKS OF PREVIOUS TWO SPEAKERS AND DRAWING ON REFTEL EMPHASIZED THE THOUGHT THAT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AS WELL AS THE MILITARY PRIORITY FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT. HE CONTINUED BY POINTING OUT THAT ONGOING WORK SUCH AS THE SACEUR FLEXIBILITY STUDY WOULD SUGGEST NEW AREAS AND INDICATED THAT A MILITARY INPUT TO TRAINING CONSOLIDATION WOULD BE A USEFUL AREA UPON WHICH TO CONCENTRATE. BELGIAN REP (TAYMANS) RECALLED THAT SOME SUGGESTIONS WERE CONTAINED IN REMARKS OF PREVIOUS SHAPE REP (GEN MILLER) ON LOGISTICS CHAPTER OF RAND STUDY ON RATIONALIZATION FURNISHED BY US TO EWG A FEW MONTHS EARLIER. SHAPE REP AGREED TO PROVIDE VIEWS ON ADDITIONAL REAS WHICH EWG COULD CONSIDER FOR R/S. STREATOR

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